Rehabilitation of trafficked victims

2320. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate an action plan for rehabilitation of the trafficked victims into the mainstream;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the extent of this menace in Eastern and North-Eastern States; and

(d) how for Government has been able to stem its rising trend in these regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a), (b) and (d) The Government is already undertaking a number of measures to combat trafficking. The Ministry is implementing the scheme of "Ujjawala" for prevention of trafficking and rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration and repatriation of victims of trafficking. The scheme provides for their rehabilitation through shelter, food, counseling, medical and legal aid and vocational training. In addition, the Ministry runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which also provide rehabilitation to women in difficult circumstances including trafficked victims and their children.

Besides, the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human being including children for the purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for trafficking. The Ministry also conducts advocacy, awareness generation, sensitization programmes for prevention of trafficking of women and children.

(c) As reported by some of the States of East and North-Eastern region, instances of trafficking have been reported in these states.

Shortcomings in ICDS

2321. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL:
SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) conducted an evaluation study, entitled 'Three Decades of ICDS', and noticed shortcomings in implementation of ICDS and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether no action has been taken by Government to remove the shortcomings noticed in the NIPCCD survey; and

(c) whether only 50 per cent children were getting supplementary nutrition under ICDS and if so, the steps taken to provide supplementary nutrition to all the targeted children covered under ICDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) An appraisal of three decades of ICDS was conducted